### BRODRICK ARRAIGNED AS HIS CRIMINAL PARTNER BY CASHIER OF ELKHART BANK

Collins, Second Time on Stand, Whispers Accusations of Fraud Against Former Chief.

IS PICTURE OF DESPAIR

Responds Feebly to Tendered Queries from United States District Attorney Kealing.

BRODRICK WAS WARNED

Confidence Against Detection Seemed Supreme, and Gold Balances Were Tampered With.

Having admitted his own guilt in th financial crimes which wrecked the Indian National Bank of Elkhart, Wilson L. Collins, late cashier, yesterday implicated as leading offender in the fatal management of the bank Justus L. Brodrick, prezident institution, who is fighting charges of embezzlement, misapplication and abstraction of funds. As a third partner of the illegal management of finances Collins entangled J. Walter Brown, who will be tried next week in the Federal Court. Collins was called to the stand at 3 o'clock

yesterday afternoon, and for two and a half hours reluctantly yielded testimony which laid bare the interior transactions which are alleged to have brought the bank ANNOUNCES A NEW PLAN to an end. He was introduced by the prosecution as their last witness and their final deathblow to the cause of Justus L. Brod- Holders of Securities Company

Coming at the end of a day of routine examination, the introduction of Collins, which had been awaited with a tense interest by court visitors, signalized the most dramatic scene of the Brodrick trial. As Coilins told in a faltering voice of machinations enacted in the Indiana National Bank ing financial interests, the new plan of there was an oppressive silence in the the Northern Securities Company was made

head bent forward on his chest, was the this to be effected by a reduction of that picture of despair. His voice was unsteady amount in the capital stock of the Securiand many times indistinguishable. Attor- | ties Company. ney Kealing shot question after question at him in a loud and commanding voice.

BRODRICK AWARE OF "GRAFT." ment. During the testimony Brodrick sat | for their distribution has been evolved. unmoved. From time to time his attorneys raised objections to Kealing's questions, but with few exceptions they were not sustained and Kealing continued his crossfire. Kealing began his examination by asking the witness who made the loans of the bank. Collins replied that he and Brodrick made them, but they were finally passed on by Brodrick. "Who kept the bank books?" asked Kealing.

Collins replied that the bookkeepers did "Were the deposits put in made on slip and given to the bookkeepers?" Collins replied that they were.

"On Sept. 22, 1903, what does the entry of "It means that the Garden City Stationery Company deposited that sum. "Who made out the data by which the \$24,000 was put on a slip?" "I am not sure," answered Collins re-

Kealing demanded: "Was that \$24,000 false charge? "Yes, sir," answered Collins in a low "Mr. Collins, what conversation did you have with the defendant concerning that

charge?"
"Mr. Brodrick told me that he had authority from the Garden City Stationery Company to draw checks out on their ac-"Who counted the money at night in the "Brodrick and myself.

"We recorded it on the card which hung in the vault and it was later put in the teller's daily cash book." Kealing exhibited the card and made reference to certain cash "Do those figures on this card which I have pointed out represent the gold in the

"What did you do with it?"

vault on those dates?" SHOWS \$10,000 DAILY SHORTAGE. "On an average how much less each day was there in the vault?"

"About \$10,000." "Was there ever, \$10,000 of gold in the

"I don't think so." "On Nov. 7, 1903, does the \$24,000 in the teller's daily cashbook represent the gold h the vault at that time?" Kealing placed promptly comply with the decree in this suit

the cash book in Collins's hands. "No. sir."

the total gold? "On Nov. 7 does \$31,000 represent the cor-

rect amount of gold?" "No. sir.

"On Sept. 22 \$32,400?" "Who made those figures?" "Mr. Brodrick and myself."

"What figure is the \$32,000 written over?" Collins said it looked like a figure one. 'Was Brodrick present when these figures were made?" 'We were both present."

"Why did you make them on the day your report was due to the controller of cur "We were afraid to expose the actual con-

ditions of the bank.' "It was done then to deceive the controller, was it not?" thundered Kealing. "What conversation did you have with Brodrick on making these false figures?" "We said that we would have to reduce the cash items and increase the gold.'

"Was anything ever said about being "I said to Mr. Brodrick that we would get into a great deal of trouble if we were found out and Brodrick said 'I don't see how we will ever be found out."

Mr. Kealing then asked the witness concerning the loans made to the Elkhart Manufacturing Company. TOLD BANK WAS BREAKING.

"Who made the loans to the National Manufacturing Company?" asked Kealing. "J. L. Brodrick."

"Who was the ruling controller of that

company?" "Walter Brown." "He is also ruling director of the Con-

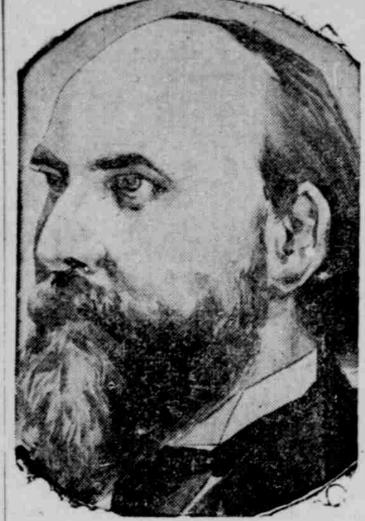
solidated Paper and Bag Company, is he Collins replied in the affirmative. "Did you ever talk with Brodrick and

Brown together concerning the loans made anti-puff workers. these two companies?" "Yes, sir; I told Mr. Brodrick that they SHOOTS WIFE AND SON. would break the bank. He said that they would get the money from the companies all right. I talked with Brodrick almost

every day, saying that we would have to shut these companies off or the bank would "How long has the bank been making these loans?"

"Several years," replied Collins.

Mr. Kealing then pressed the witness con-(CONTINUED ON PAGE 6, COL. 1.)



President of the Northern Securities Company.

### MERGER IS DISSOLVED; STOCK DIVIDEND OF 99 PER CENT. IS DECLARED

James J. Hill Promptly Complies with Recent Decision of the Supreme Court.

Stock to Receive Stock of Constituent Companies.

NEW YORK, March 22.-Following a day of great excitement in the stock market and numerous conferences among the leadpublic this evening. In substance it pro-His face sallow and wan, Collins, with his vides for a stock dividend of 99 per cent.

For every share of Northern Securities stock surrendered the company will deliver \$39.27 stock of the Northern Pacific Collins tesified in substance that J. L. Railway Company and \$30.17 of the Great Brodrick was fully aware of conditions Northern Railway Company. The shares at the bank, as he took the initiative in the of the Northern Pacific Company which illegal transaction; that he took money were taken over by the Northern Securities from the bank on notes made out to com- Company at 115 and those of Great Northpanies which gave him no authority; that ern at 180 will be distributed on this basis. he was present when false reports were | The other assets of the Securities Commade to the controller of currency and pany, consisting chiefly of its Chicago, helped to compile them; that he made false | Burlington & Quincy holdings and Northentries in the bank's books, in short, that ern Pacific coal lands, will remain in the he was the main actor in the mismanage- | treasury of the company until some plan THE NEW PLAN.

> Official notice of a new plan, which is signed by President Hill, under this date. was sent to Northern Security stockholders in a circular letter, which says in part: "Since the formation of your company with a view to promoting, developing and enlarging the commerce and traffic of the country served by the Great Northern and the Northern Pacific Railway Companies, and by the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company, the traffic and earnings of the three railways have largely inreased. The respective railways have been extended and their condition and facilities mproved and increased.

"The stock of the Northern Securities

Company was issued solely for the shares of the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern Railway Companies and other properties purchased by it. In forming the company and disposing of its shares no commissions were paid, nor has the company incurred any expenses save those necessary for obtaining its charter and for the economical conduct of its affairs. "The company's acquisition of the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern shares was made in the full belief that such purchases were in no wise obnoxious to any law of the United States-an opinion which has received the approval of four justices of the Supreme Mr. Chief the United States, namely, Justice Fuller and Associate Justices Edward D. White, Rufus W. Peckham and Oliver Wendell Holmes, in the suit brought by the United States against the right of the company to hold and vote the shares. However, the majority of the court, disregarding as irrelevant any beneficial increase of commerce, was of opinion that, as a matter of law, your company's holdings of the stocks of the two railway companies in itself constituted a restraint of interstate commerce prohibited by the socalled Sherman act of 1890. Accordingly, the railway companies have been forbidden to permit your company to vote or to collect dividends on the shares held by it. "

DISTRIBUTION PLAN. "Therefore, your directors, at a meeting held this day, have, under the advice of counsel, decided that in order to fully and it is necessary to reduce the capital stock of the company and to distribute to its "On Nov. 6 does the item \$21,000 represent | shareholders the shares of stock of said railway companies now held by, it. To this (CONTINUED ON PAGE 9, COL. 2.)

### "ANTI-PUFF" SOCIETY IS FORMED IN MARION

Tobacco-Using and Girls Taboo Ornate Hair-Dressing.

BADGE IS A BLUE RIBBON TWO YEARS ON THRONE PROPERTY IS DESTROYED WELL-KNOWN CHICAGOAN

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. MARION, Ind., March 22 .- At Jonesboro, five miles south of here, an "anti-puff" society of young men and young women has been formed, and it is proposed that a state organization be the outgrowth of the movement. The boys are to do away with all forms of tobacco using, and the girls are to forego fancy and ornate styles

The "puff" is the adjustable kind, but, according to the press agent of the new society, the anti-puff proposition must not be regarded as cutting out the press puff. The members of the new society wear bows of blue ribbon, and it is the rule that the young women belonging shall give their preference and favors to the boys who wear the blue bows. As most of the pretty girls of the city are in the society there is a big demand for the blue bows, and cigar dealers are scheming to disarm the

# THEN KILLS HIMSELF

NEW YORK, March 22.-Christian Kirschoffler, a boarding-house keeper in Kent avenue, Brooklyn, to-day shot and killed his four-year-old son, dangerously wounded his wife and then committed suicide by shooting. Jealousy is the supposed cause of the crime.



### PRIMARY FIGHT IN BLACKFORD COUNTY

and Landis Three of the Nine Delegates Selected.

ASSAULT AT THE POLLS MAN BURNED TO DEATH CONFLICT

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. ing to the general confusion in Licking township, in which this city is situated, the modify their claim to three delegates for

The election was the hottest primary contest ever waged in Blackford county. Banker A. G. Lupton, a member of th Governor's staff and a prominent politician, and S. A. Myers, a barber, who was assisting him in getting out the vote for Steele, fought this evening at a polling place. Lupton was arrested and escorted to the mayor's office, where he pleaded guilty to a charge of assault and battery. Myers was fined for provoke. Myers, who had been working for Steele, then began to work for Landis.

STEELE MANAGERS ARE PLEASED WITH RESULT

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. MARION, Ind., March 22.-The leaders of Grant county were greatly Steele had secured six of the nine delegates elected in that county to-day, showing a gain of five over his vote in Blackford two years ago. It is Steele victory in Blackford, after a hard fight and such a decisive vote, will have a tremendous influence on the contests elsewhere. Major Steele was not at home to receive the news.

ENGAGE IN QUARREL AND BOTH MEET DEATH

CINCINNATI, March 22.-William Rogers and George Dawn, both employes of the Chespeake & Ohio Railroad, were instantly killed by an incoming train at the Parkstreet crossing here to-night. The men were quarreling on the tracks at the time

### BELOIT SWEPT BY FLOOD AND VISITED BY FLAMES

Major Steele Believed to Have Six | Wisconsin City Suffers Property | Governor Peabody Rushes State Loss of \$250,000 by Fire and Water.

BELOIT, Wis., March 22.-Beloit was fire HARTFORD CITY, Ind., March 22.-Ow- and flood swept to-day and a large tract of was issued by Governor Peabody to-night final result of the Republican congressional | Clanging fire bells and shricking whistles | quently an order was issued for 300 troops primary will not be known before to-mor- awakened the people to the day of the under command of Major Z. T. Hill to prorow morning. At 11:30, however, Landis greatest terror ever known in the city, ceed to Trinidad, the county seat. managers claimed four out of the nine dele- | Shortly after 3 o'clock treacherous Turtle | Landis three, there is little question that over the St. Paul Railroad tracks and swept | Las Animas county a certain class of i son township went to Steele by a vote of the residents, called from their slumbers, 70 to 64, and Washington went to Landis by found their houses surrounded by a seething

feet at Broad and State streets, and ex- | conflict. tended almost to the corner of Grand avefar into the night brought a heavy rainfall, where the members of the United Mine and as the creek was already high the flood was expected by old residents. It came like for several months. a deluge. At 6 o'clock South Beloit was St. Paul avenue and Broad street.

ing out of a fire in that district, which de- turning to work. stroyed the gas engines plant of John Thompson & Sons, entailing a loss of \$150,-000, with \$40,000 insurance. N. M. Wood, a watchman, was burned to death, and James Ward and Bentley Dadman were seriously burned. The cause of the fire was an explosion of gasoline. Five hundred persons were driven from their homes, many of them having been taken from their win-

JANESVILLE, Wis., March 22.-Damage to the extent of \$100,000 in Rock county has suit in the United States Circuit Court here resulted in the last twenty-four hours from | to recover certain valuable farm property river is also on the rampage, and in the low factory districts in this city the damage has been extensive. The heavy rain of last evening and the continued thaw of the last few days played havoc with railway tracks and telegraph lines.

SULTAN OF SULU IS WILLING TO ACCEPT

MANILA, March 22.-Major General Wood reports from Jolo that the Sultan of Sulu has accepted the abrogation of the Bates treaty without any evidence of excitement. Evidently he had expected its abrogation since hostilities began last fall.

# MARTIAL LAW DECLARED IN COLORADO COAL FIELD

Troops to Trinidad Under Sealed Orders.

DENVER, March 22.-A proclamation country is still under water, but the worst | declaring the county of Las Animas in a is over. The total damage is over \$250,000. state of insurrection and rebellion. Subse-The men were instructed to gather aboard

gates, but later returns caused them to creek began to rise rapidly, and it was only trains and were given sealed orders and a half hour until the water flooded the val- told to open them at midnight. In his proc-Landis. As the Steele managers concede ley. Fifteen minutes later the water rose lamation the Governor says there exists in the final count will show this result. Jack- down St. Paul avenue and Broad street, and dividuals who are fully armed and acting together, resisting the laws of the State and offering violence to citizens and property. The civil authorities of the county South Beloit was entirely submerged and are quoted as authority for the statement the water continued to rise until 10 o'clock. that no less than 1,500 unemployed men are when the flood reached the depth of three armed in apparent anticipation of an open Las Animas county forms the larger pornue. The heavy thunderstorms that raged | tion of the southern Colorado coal fields,

> Workers of America have been on strike TRINIDAD, Col., March 22.-A convenunder water and the torrent had crossed | tion of members of District No. 15, United the railroad tracks and had swept down Mine Workers of America, has been called to assemble in this city Thursday next. With South Beloit cut off by flood a most | Members of the union say that a vote is to dramatic incident occurred in the break- be taken on continuing the strike or re-

> > LOUISVILLE WOMAN SUES TO RECOVER A FARM

> > Special to the Indianapolis Journal. SPRINGFIELD, Ill., March 22,-Mrs. Ella M. Watt, of Louisville, Ky., has filed claims her son-in-law, William De Ford, an artist, has defrauded her to escape liti She deeded the land to her son and daugh-

ter, without consideration, and afterward, in the Federal Court here, recovered her title. She now alleges that De Ford, at the muzzle of a revolver, compelled his wife to deed her interest to him, "bluffed" Nelson Watt, the son, to deed his share over to her, and it now in possession. Dr. Daniel Nelson, an eminent physician of Louisville, Ky., and a cousin of Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt and Joseph Lowe. of the Equitable Life Insurance Company of New York. Her husband, James Watt, is a son of the late Maj. William Watt, of

# JUDGE CORY DIES AFTER CONCLUDING A SPEECH

Lights a Cigar and Suddenly Expires.

nent fire-insurance man, and was in St. Louis to attend the meeting of fire undergiven by the local insurance men.

was preceded by David R. Francis, presi- by a shell before he could be removed from the room

CHICAGO, March 22.-Mr. Cary, who was manager of the Western department of a political and club circles. In 1883 he was a candidate for mayor of Chicago on a Republican high-license platform, but was defeated. He was elected president of the Union League Club in 1900. During the civil was he was a captain in the First Wisconmade his home in Nashville, Tenn. While living in that city he was elected to the State Senate and was later made judge of HOUSTON, Tex., March 22 .- By the col- the Circuit Court of Tennessee. He came

Emperor William Arrives.

PORT MAHON, Island of Minorca, Spain, March 22.-Emperor William arrived here this morning on the steamer Koenig Albert. and left at 5 o'clock this evening.

# PORT ARTHUR AGAIN BOMBARDED BY THE JAPANESE SQUADRON

Torpedo Boats Began the Attack at Midnight Monday and the Engagement Was Continued by Battleships Until Tuesday Noon

### OFFICIAL RUSSIAN REPORTS

Five Soldiers Killed and Ten Wounded--Japanese Ship Struck--Rumor that the Harbor Entrance Has Been Blocked

Emperor has received the following telegram from Viceroy Alexieff:

"Lieutenant General Stoessel reports that at midnight of March 21 Japanese torpedo boats were discovered by our searchlights. Our guardships and fort batteries opened fire upon them, the firing lasting for twenty minutes. At 4 o'clock in the morning the attack was renewed.

"At 6:30 o'clock in the morning four of the enemy's ships appeared from the south, followed by the whole squadron of eleven ships and eight torpedo boats. Our squadron left the roadstead to meet the enemy.

"At 9 o'clock the enemy's battleships opened fire on Liaotishin, after which they took up a position behind bombarded Port Arthur."

Viceroy Alexieff adds that he is waiting for details.

A later dispatch from the viceroy to the Emperor says:

"According to a supplementary report from Lieutenant General Stoessel, the enemy's fleet consisted of six battieships and twelve cruisers. About 9 o'clock in the morning the fleet divided, the battleships and torpedo boats taking up a position between Liaotishin and Golubinaia bay (Pigeon bay), while the cruisers formed up in two divisions to the south and southeast of Port Arthur. "At 9:20 the battleship Retvizan opened fire over the crest of Liaotishin against the enemy's battleships, which replied by firing on the town.

in the outer roadstead. "About 11 o'clock in the morning the cannonade slackened and the Japanese fleet, reuniting, drew off slowly to the southeast, and at 12:30 had disappeared.

"During the bombardment five soldiers were killed and nine were wounded. One soldier on the shore was bruised."

LONDON, March 22 .- A correspondent of the Times at Tokio, under yesterday's date, cables that it is rumored the Japanese have succeeded in blockading the entrance to Port

#### ADMIRAL MAKAROFF'S REPORT ON THE FIGHT

Arthur.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 22.-A telegram from Viceroy Alexieff to the Emperor gives Vice Admiral Makaroff's report of the Port Arthur fight. It follows: "At midnight of March 21 two of the enemy's torpedo boats approached the outer roadstead, but were discovered by the searchlights of the batteries and fired upon by the forts and by the gunboats Bobr and Otvazuy. They were obliged to retire. "A second attack was made at 4 o'clock in the morning by three torpedo boats,

which also were repulsed. "At daybreak three detachments of the enemy's fleet, consisting of six battleships, six armored cruisers, six second and thirdclass cruisers and eight torpedo boats approached from all sides. At 7 o'clock our squadron commenced to leave the inner harbor, the cruisers leading, with the Mrs. Watt is the daughter of the late Askold flying my flag at their head, and the battleships following.

"The enemy's battleships approached Liaotishin and fired 100 shells from their twelve-inch guns at Port Arthur and 108 shells at the environs of the town. "Our shells, fired at a range of eighty cables, were well placed. About 10 o'clock a Japanese battleship was struck by a shell and retired.

"We lost no men during the bombardment, which ceased at 11 o'clock, when the enemy's ships reassembled, and, after passing along the outer roadstead, drew off without attacking our fleet."

REVIEW OF DISPATCHES FROM THE OFFICIALS

ST. PETERSBURG, March 22.-Another attack by the Japanese fleet on Port Arthur, beginning with operations by torpedo ST. LOUIS, March 22.-While attending boats and ending with a bombardment by

battleships and cruisers, took place after

midnight Monday. The dispatches to the Emperor from Viceroy Alexieff and private information show that the Russians sustained no great damage, having only five soldiers killed and ten wounded. Vice Admiral Makaroff claims Judge Cary was the third speaker. He that one of the Japanese vescels was struck

> The Emperor received the first message regarding the attack late this afternoon. but nothing was allowed to reach the pub-

All information which has reached St. Petersburg shows that the defenders of Port Arthur had taken seriously to heart the coup of the Japanese torpedo boats at the beginning of the war and were now maintaining a sharp lookout. The Japanese torpedo boats were twice discovered sneaksin Volunters and at the close of the war of darkness, but both times they were detected far out at sea and were driven off by the hot fire opened upon them. The breaking of day necessarily prevented further torpedo boat operations, but Admiral Togo brought up his battleships and cruisers. The division of his fleet was for the purpose of making a crossfire upon the har-

of damaging the Russian ships lying in the

ST. PETERSBURG, March 22 .- The | basin or at least of demoralizing the per-

The bombardment of March 9 showed to the Russians the advantage to the enemy of the position off Liaotishin, which Vice Admiral Togo's ships took up this morning and Vice Admiral Makaroff sought to minimize this advantage by so stationing the battleship Retvizan that her shells could reach the Japanese battleships. The fact the only point which Vice Admiral Togo

seems to regard as vulnerable from the sea. When the first official dispatches were recerved the belief gained ground that Vice Admiral Makaroff had put to sea and that a naval fight had taken place. While this would be in keeping with his character as the rocky eminence of Liaotishin and an intrepid officer, which is further indicated by his use of a cruiser as his flagship, it was not in accord with the plane of the Russian authorities.

Later advices established the fact that the admiral had simply gone with the undamaged portion of his fleet to the outer roads, where he could more effectively support the batteriese and at the same time take advantage of any weakness which might develop in the enemy's attack.

#### OPPOSING ARMIES GETTING IN TOUCH

ST. PETERSBURG, March 22.- The following dispatch has been received from Viceroy Alexieff, dated Mukden, March 22: "General Mistchenkow reports that on March 17 our scouts approached Anju and observed on the left bank of the Cheng-Cheng river, opposite Anju, intrenchments made by the enemy. Up to that date the enemy had not appeared at Yong-Pyon (fif-Meanwhile our fleet formed up in line teen miles north of Anju.) It is supposed there is one Japanese division at Anju and that the remainder of the First Army

Corps is at Ping-Yang. "In consequence of the report that two squadrons of the enemy had arrived at Pak-Chong (fifteen miles northwest of Anju), 200 of our cavalry was dispatched for the purpose of preventing the enemy from crossing the Pak-Chong river. Our cavalry found three Japanese squadrons on the left bank of the river, but they withdrew towards Anju on the arrival of our detachment without fighting. The Japanese

squadrons number about 190 each. "On the night of March 19 two dispatch riders encountered a Japanese patrol between Kazen (about fifty miles north by west of Ping-Yang) and Chen-Chu about twelve miles north of Kazan), the patrol opened fire, but our dispatch riders

escaped unhurt. "According to a report, 3,000 of the enemy's cavalry occupied Yong-Pyon March 19, and material for the pontoon bridges has been placed in readiness north and south of Anju."

### SOUTH WIND WILL

REVEAL JAPAN'S PLANS LONDON, March 23.-With the exception of the official dispatches no news has reached London of the latest bombardment

of Port Arthur. The Japanese legation News is received from Nieu-Chwang that a south wind is dispersing the ice points, which means the beginning of active operations that at last will reveal the carefully concealed Japanese plan of campaign. According to the Standard's St. Petersburg correspondent the Russian govern-

ment has privately informed the senators

that since the outbreak of the war exactly 100,000 troops have been forwarded to the far East by the Siberian Railway. In last night's Gazette the Board of Trade, in publishing a list of the articles declared to be contraband of war, warns the masters of British ships that they must not resist being stopped or searched by warships of either of the belligerents for

contraband. The Daily Telegraph Seoul correspondent. cabling under date of March 22, reports the rising of a mob of Koreans against Japanese soldiers at Samung, north of Gensan. The Japanese dispersed the mob, killing five men and wounding twenty.

The Daily Chronicle publishes unconfirmed rumors from Che-Foo and Nieu-Chwang of bombardments of Port Arthur on March 13 and 17, five Europeans and many Chinese being killed in the former, and two guns being dismantled and fifty soldiers killed

in the latter attack. The Shanghai correspondent of the Standard says a recent arrival from Port Arthur deciares the Russians recovered fifteen Japanese torpedoes from the harbor unexploded because in their excitement the Japanese forgot to withdraw the safety

The Tokio correspondent of the Times says it is rumored that the Korean government yesterday decided to open Yongampho to foreign trade.

### LAND FORCES WILL SOON BE CLASHING

ST. PETERSBURG, March 22 .- Vice Admiral Togo's activity at Port Arthur 18 being emulated by the commander of the Japanese forces in Korea. The report of General Mistchenkow shows that the Japanese have taken the precaution to erect earthworks near Anju, which are being held by a Japanese division until the remainder of the first atmy corps comes up from Ping-Yang, about forty miles away, The advance of the Japanese shows that they are losing no time and that they are more rapid than the Russians expected. Nevertheless the fortifications of Anju bor in the hope of destroying the town and shows the Japanese operations are ac-(CONTINUED ON PAGE 2, COL 1)

### and failed to see the approaching train. AMEER OF AFGHANISTAN POISONED AT ASHKABAD

Boys Do Away with All Forms of Rumor of Assassination of Ha- One Pupil Killed and Several In- Speaks at a Banquet, Sits Down, bibullah Kahn Reaches St. Petersburg.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 22.-A dispatch received from Ashkabad, the capital of the Russian transcaspian territory, says a rumor is current there that the Ameer of Afghanistan has been poisoned.

Habibullah Khan, the Ameer of Afghanistan, was born in 1872 and succeeded to the throne on the death of his father. Abdur Rahman Khan, Oct. 1, 1901. It was recently reported that the Ameer was in trouble with his family. The widow of the late ruler refused to give up the treasures that were in her husband's keep-

ing and for some reason or other the Ameer was afraid to enforce his will. The coveted jewels are said to fill to the brim four large chests. The blacksmiths who made them asserted so much when put to the torture. The widow surrounded herself with a large bodyguard that defied the Ameer. Upon the latter's protest the widow wrote to him: "If thou wishest my husband's inheritance, call for it. I am ready

The Ameer recently dismissed the chief justice of the land, his brother, Umar, and sent him into banishment. Umar, it appears, beheaded with his own hand the Ameer's master of horse, when the official refused to let him have a carriage.

Wreck of Santa Fe Express.

POINT RICHMOND, Cal., March 22 .-

The Santa Fe east-bound express ran into

a washout near Reidley to-day. The train

# SCHOOLHOUSE WRECKED BY ARKANSAS TORNADO

jured During Storm Near Little Rock.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., March 22 .- A tornado did great damage to property and a banquet at the St. Louis Club to-night caused at least one death in central Arkan- Judge Eugene Carey, of Chicago, suddenly sas. At Fourche Dam, four miles from dropped dead. Judge Carey was a promi-Little Rock, a negro schoolhouse was blown down and one of the pupils, Nellie Hogan, was killed. Several other pupils were in-

At the Confederate Soldiers' Home, five miles from Little Rock, the chimneys were blown down, the slate roof torn up and the | dent of the world's fair. Judge Cary conold soldiers was hurt. Frame houses, fences fair, sat down and lighted a cigar. Aland trees were leveled in many directions | most immediately his head fell forward and | lic until 10 o'clock to-night the section twenty miles north of Little Rock great destruction of property is reported, but wires are down and it cannot be learned whether there was any loss of life. The storm did much damage to property in

EIGHT MEN INJURED BY FALLING WALLS

lapse of a brick building being erected to Chicago in 1871. here to-day eight persons were injured, three probably fatally. The seriously injured: T. W. McCracken, W. L. Smith, George Cunningham. Injured: J. H. Lewis, was turned over and several passengers R. P. Allen, A. J. Camlee, two others,